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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA, US, UN

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 2651

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